

Remarks

In the Office Action dated June 29, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-11, 14-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by the Sun, et al. application publication 2002/0003130. The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the patent application publication in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,458. Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the U.S. Patent application publication in view of the U.S. Patent No. 6,621,040. The Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the U.S. application publication in view of the U.S. Patent No. 5,235,606. The Examiner rejected claims 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the U.S. Patent application publication in view of the U.S. Patent No. 5,235,606.

By this Amendment Applicants' Attorney has amended each of the independent claims 1 and 17 of the application to more particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, each of the independent claims has been amended to make it clearer that the first pulse and only the first pulse removes all of the target material while avoiding undesirable change to the adjacent non-target material. In other words, the target structure is removed with a single pulse as noted in the Abstract and also in the third full paragraph under the heading "Summary of the Invention".

The prior art of record including the published U.S. patent application fails to reveal this feature.

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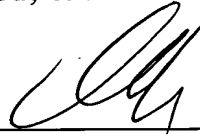
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Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art, Applicants' Attorney respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance which allowance is respectfully requested.

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